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TO : EIC Secretariat
FROM : Chairman, Subcommittee on Population and Manpower
SUBJECT: Annual Report to the EIC for Fiscal Year 1959

Attached is the Annual Report of the Subcommittee
on Population and Manpower to the EIC for Fiscal Year 1959.
The report has been coordinated with all members of the
Subcommittee.

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A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year.

1. Review of the Intelligence Production in the Subcommittee's Field of Competence.

At a meeting of 6 April the Subcommittee reviewed the tentative research plans of member agencies for FY 1960. The Subcommittee found that the present and planned research activities are not duplicative, but rather are complementary and mutually beneficial.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies.

a. Research Deficiencies.

The current statement of Priority Deficiencies of Research in the field of population and manpower in the Sino-Soviet Bloc was approved by the EIC in March 1954. Two critical deficiencies were listed: productivity of labor, and population and manpower resources of regional and urban areas. The research programs of member agencies during the past four years -- particularly those of CIA, the Air Force, and the Bureau of the Census -- have been directed toward meeting these deficiencies. The failure of Bloc countries to provide output and employment data in sufficient detail continues to impede the making of satisfactory labor productivity studies. The preparation of estimates of population and manpower resources for regional and urban areas in all Bloc countries -- of critical importance for military intelligence -- is proceeding, and these efforts will be aided greatly by data that presumably will be made available from the 1959 census in the USSR and from 1959 and 1960 censuses in some of the European Satellites.

The Subcommittee plans to review the current statement of Priority Deficiencies of Research in its field of competence early in FY 1960, to assess the progress to date, and to determine the need for revising the statement.

b. Collection Deficiencies.

The Subcommittee took no action in this field during FY 1959. CIA/CRA has not prepared statements of priority gaps in intelligence in the field of population and manpower, but may do so during FY 1960. The Subcommittee plans to discuss early in FY 1960 the desirability of preparing Priority Collection Deficiencies in the field of population and manpower.

3. Review of Substantive Papers.

The subcommittee discussed one substantive paper, "The Age-Sex Distribution of the Population of Communist China". This paper, being prepared by the Bureau of the Census, will be published early in FY 1960.

4. Review of Proposals for External Research.

No proposal for new external research was submitted to the Subcommittee during the year. [REDACTED] the Air Force are continuing to support the research being conducted by the Foreign Manpower Research Office of the Bureau of the Census, and this research is reviewed and coordinated through the Subcommittee, both formally and informally, on a continuing basis.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics.

No formal action was taken by the Subcommittee during the year to adopt a set of "Agreed Basic Statistics". In October 1958, CIA published an unclassified chart entitled "Estimated Population of Sino-Soviet Bloc and NATO Countries, Selected Years, 1938-1975" based on estimates prepared by CIA and by the Bureau of the Census. These estimates are in general use throughout the intelligence community. At its first meeting in FY 1960 the Subcommittee will consider the desirability of having an annual updating of this chart prepared and issued as "Agreed Basic Population Statistics".

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC.

No such projects were undertaken or proposed.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques.

The Subcommittee did not concern itself with intelligence research techniques during the year.

8. Special Coordinating Functions of the Subcommittee.

In FY 1958 the Subcommittee approved a proposal for an exchange of demographers between the US and the USSR. The proposal was formally submitted to the USSR, which turned it down early in FY 1959, stating that it could see no advantage in the proposed exchange.

The Subcommittee twice discussed the problem of the handling -- in a forthcoming Census Bureau report -- of conflicting data put out by East and West Germany on the number of migrants from East Germany. The problem concerned the State Department's objection, for political reasons, to the Census Bureau's plan to cite the East German data as probably the most accurate. A method of handling the matter has been worked out to the mutual satisfaction of the agencies concerned and the Subcommittee.

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At a meeting on 6 April the Subcommittee agreed that a coordinated position within the intelligence community should be taken with respect to the initial interpretation of the preliminary results of the USSR census, which were scheduled to be released late in April. When the results were announced by the USSR on 9 May, a coordinated position on their meaning was secured through informal liaison among the member agencies most immediately concerned, CIA, STATE, and CENSIS.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee believes that its activities provide a useful means for coordinating the research on population and manpower within the intelligence community and for eliminating duplication of effort. The Subcommittee also serves a useful function in acquainting its members and their agencies with research problems, techniques, and findings on problems of mutual concern.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee plans to engage in the following major activities during FY 1960:

1. To review the current statement of Priority Deficiencies of Research and to consider the need for issuing Priority Collection Deficiencies and Agreements on Basic Population Statistics.
2. To continue the annual review of agency research problems and extraneous research proposals, in order to avoid duplication of effort.
3. To discuss and assess the intelligence implications of census data which presumably will be released by the USSR and some of the Satellites during FY 1960.
4. To hear and comment upon the more important substantive reports prepared by member agencies.

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